

**Middle Canyon Land Use Advisory Committee (MCLUAC)**  
**Meeting and Minutes, September 24, 2019 7:00pm West Glacier Fire Hall**

Elizabeth A. Blacker, President – present  
Vacant (Gary Kauffman), Vice President – absent  
Sharon DeMeester, Secretary – present

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: S. DeMeester made a motion to approve, E. Blacker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the June 25, 2019 Minutes. Discussion: Correction from Sweet Treats to Camp Treats. E. Blacker made a motion to approve, S. DeMeester seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. Mark Mussman presented a draft copy of the Seasonal Employee Housing performance Standards. He reviewed the definitions. Committee agreed he should begin the process to present to the County Commissioners; however, a meeting of small business owners and other concerned community members will take place Oct 15, 2019 at the Fire Hall. The proposed amendment will be voted on at the regularly scheduled October meeting.
2. Mark Mussman discussed the procedure for STR review. STR homes identified prior to the mid-April change in performance standards approved by the commissioners will not be required to submit a minor use land review. Rentals can continue while the applicant completes the Administrative Use Permit required by the State of Montana.

**New Business:**

1. BNSF Grant – Val Parsons presented a summary of the work she and Terry Divoky have done to secure an upgrade to the train overpass and surrounding area. A grant for \$41,000 will be submitted to BNSF very soon. Discussion followed, all members of the community support this upgrade and are thankful for the work Ms. Parsons and Divoky have completed.
2. Major Land Use Applications – Sharon DeMeester contacted the Planning and Zoning Office prior to the meeting and reported no major land use applications at this time.
3. Minor Land Use Applications –per Sharon DeMeester: a list was received from the Planning and Zoning Office; a short discussion followed re: a minor use land review for expanded parking by Pursuit and Glacier Raft Company.
4. Committee Vacancies: The 3 yr term filled by Dennis Divoky in 2017 and completed by Elizabeth Blacker expires December 2019. The Planning and Zoning Office is accepting applications now for the new 3 yr term beginning in 2020. All interested individuals should submit an application to the Planning and Zoning Office by December 1, 2019. (Email: [Planning.zoning@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:Planning.zoning@flathead.mt.gov)) (Mail: Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office, 40-11<sup>th</sup> St W, Kalispell MT 59901).

Completion of the term vacated by Gary Kaufman as detailed in the August 27, 2019 Meeting: One application received, Patricia McCarthy. Motion to Accept Patricia McCarthy's application and forward her name to the County Commissioners for confirmation by Elizabeth Blacker. Seconded by Sharon DeMeester. Discussion: Many members of the community suggested contacts; those individuals were contacted by the Committee President Elizabeth Blacker. However, only one application was received. The community members present strongly support Ms. McCarthy's appointment; she attends all meeting enthusiastically, is familiar with county structure and regulations and has successfully served on the Committee previously representing the community in a professional manner. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the West Glacier Fire Hall.